

Legal Consumer Fireworks in the State of Utah

House Bill 22, 2011



Legal Fireworks

In Utah, legal consumer fireworks are “pyrotechnic devices that are offered for sale **in Utah only**, by a licensed vendor and the fireworks have been approved for use.”



Prohibited in Utah

Bottle Rockets

Sky Rockets of any kind

Fire Crackers of any kind

Cherry Bombs

Roman Candles

Reloadable Aerial Shells

Explosives



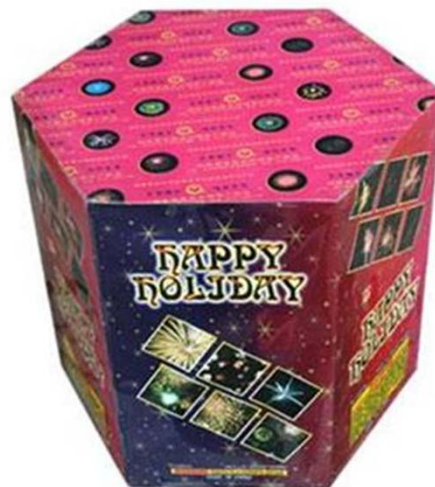
New Consumer Fireworks Allowed in Utah

500 gram “Cakes”



An Example
of a 500 gram
Cake type
firework

A “Cake” is a 500 gram (or smaller) device that can shoot multiple shots from a single device that will not tip over when used.



500-gram cakes are now a major segment of the consumer fireworks market.

You can find 500-gram cakes which shoot straight up, or at angles, in groups of several shots called fans, or in a zigzag sequence (either slowly or very rapidly), and even now in a circular sequence. 500-gram cakes have continued to become more sophisticated, both in the effects and in the arrangements of the tubes and the firing sequences.



They are never to be used indoors, under or inside of any type of covering such as an awning, garage, or carport! Cakes can and will shoot sparks more than 15 ft. into the air.



New Extended Dates for Discharge of Consumer Fireworks

-  **June 26 through July 26**
-  **Dec. 26 through Jan. 1**
-  **Three days before and on the Chinese New Year**

JUNE 2011						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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JULY 2011						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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-  New Dates for Fireworks to be Discharged
-  Old Dates when Fireworks were Discharged

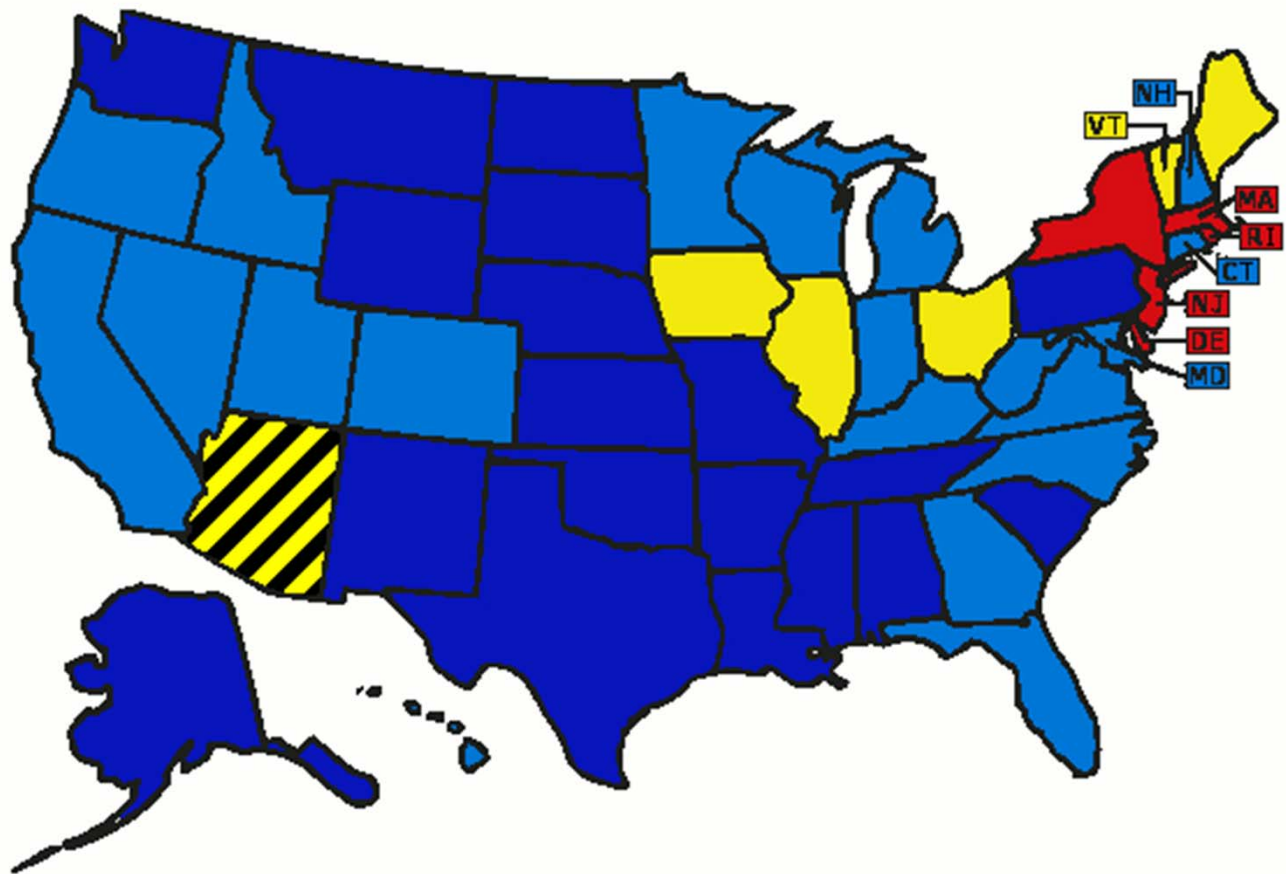
19 New Days for Fireworks to be Discharged






Significant Comparisons

New Laws to Old Laws

	Type of Fireworks Allowed	Dates of Discharge	Out of State Transport	Predicted Sales Tax
New Law	<p>Cakes up to 500 grams</p> <p>All other previous types of consumer fireworks per Utah Law.</p> <p>Cakes can and will go higher than 15 ft. in the air.</p>	<p>June 26 - July 26</p> <p>Dec. 26 - Jan. 1</p>	Not allowed	May increase as citizens find "Cakes" are sufficient and they don't want to go to Wyoming?
Old Law	Fireworks when discharged could not exceed 15 ft. in the air.	Three days before, the day of and three days after July 4 and 24.	Not allowed	-----

2010 Fireworks in the U.S.



-  States that ban all consumer fireworks
(DE, MA, NJ, NY, RI)
-  States that allow almost all consumer fireworks
(19 states)
-  States that allow "safe and sane" fireworks
(20 states and DC)
-  States that allow only sparklers and other novelty items
(ME, OH, VT, IA, IL)
-  Arizona, which allows only novelty items

Sources: American Pyrotechnics Association, National Council on Fireworks Safety

NFPA Executive Summary

- In 2008, 7,000 fireworks-related injuries were treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms.
- In 2008, an estimated 22,500 reported fires were started by fireworks, with \$42 million in direct property damage.
- The highest rates of injuries per million population were for teens ages 15 to 19 and children ages 5 to 9.
- Males accounted for nearly two-thirds (62%) of fireworks injuries.
- In 2008, five out of six (84%) emergency room fireworks injuries involved fireworks that Federal regulations permit consumers to use.
- The risk of fire death relative to exposure shows fireworks to be the riskiest consumer product for death due to fire.

Reference: Hall JR. Fireworks. Quincy (MA): NFPA; 2009 [cited 15 June 2009]. Available at URL:

<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/pdf/os.fireworks.pdf> (PDF 397KB, 54 pages)

Questions



- Should the Community limit the areas where legal fireworks can be used?
- Will firework stands be open for more days and hours generating greater sales tax?
- Will new fireworks laws increase the potential for increased fire loss and/or injury to citizens?
- Will new fireworks laws discourage citizens from importing illegal fireworks from neighboring States?

Thank You . . .

